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OSO TANK

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STRAIGHT STITCH DESIGNS

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With a fitted silhouette via princess seaming on the front bodice and an invisible zipper closure, the Oso Tank is the epitome of chic summer style. With wide bands for ample coverage, this slightly cropped tank pairs perfectly with a tiered skirt or, our favorite, elastic-waist linen pants for a balanced look that is surprisingly sophisticated. The pattern includes sizes 0-34 and stitches up perfectly in a wide variety of wovens.

Skill Level: Beginner

SUPPLIES

- Woven fabric (according to the chart)
- Lightweight fusible nterfacing
- 7" invisible zipper
- 2 yards of 1¼"-wide bias tape
- Removable fabric marker
- All-purpose thread
- Serger (optional)

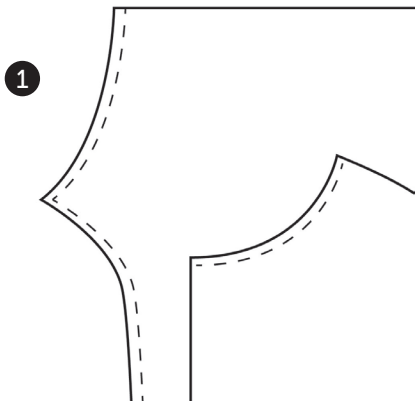
PREPARE

Print out and assemble the full-size pattern PDF. Cut the pieces as directed, transferring the pattern markings with removable fabric marker.

CONSTRUCT

Use ⅝" seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

Using a regular stitch length, stitch ¼" from the raw edge around the left and right side of the center front piece and the underarm curve of the side front piece **(1)**.



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS									
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Bust	34"	35½"	37"	38½"	40"	41½"	43"	44½"	46"
Waist/ High Hip	37¾" / 32"	34¼" / 33½"	35¾" / 35"	37¼" / 36½"	38¾" / 38"	40¼" / 39½"	42" / 41"	43½" / 42½"	45" / 44"
	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Bust	47½"	49"	50½"	52"	53½"	55"	56½"	58"	59½"
Waist/ High Hip	46½" / 45½"	48" / 47"	49½" / 48½"	51" / 50"	52½" / 51½"	54" / 53"	55½" / 54½"	57" / 56¼"	58½" / 57¾"

* Length is 16 ½" for all sizes

FABRIC YARDAGE		
	SIZE 0 - 16	SIZE 18 - 34
44" Wide	¾ yard	1 yard
54" Wide	⅝ yard	⅞ yard
60" Wide	⅝ yard	¾ yard

Fold the back piece with right sides together; match up the legs of the dart and pin in place. Stitch along the leg up to the dart point and leave long tails. Tie the tails off to secure the dart point **(2)**. Repeat with second back dart.

Sew a gathering stitch ¼" from the curved edge of the side piece from the upper edge to the notch. Leave long tails on both ends. This will be used to ease the side front piece into the center front **(3)**. This is a very slight gather that is distributed between the underarm point and the notch.

With the right sides together start by matching the underarm point of the side front piece to the point of the center front. Pin in place **(4)**. Match the concave and convex shape so the gathers will be used to ease the pieces together.

Continue pinning the two pieces together making sure to match the notches **(5)**. Stitch the two pieces together and clip the curve of the seam **(6)**. Finish the seam allowance and repeat with the second side front piece.

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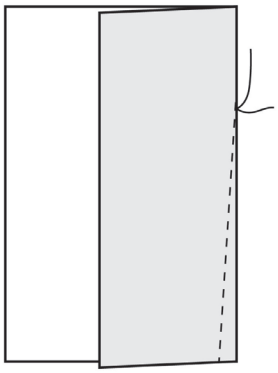

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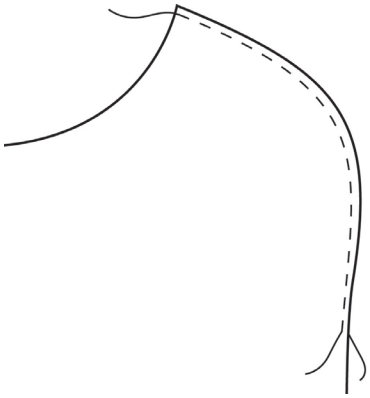

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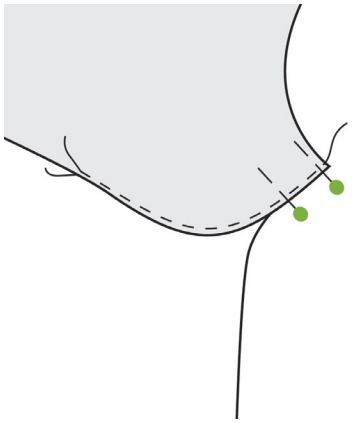

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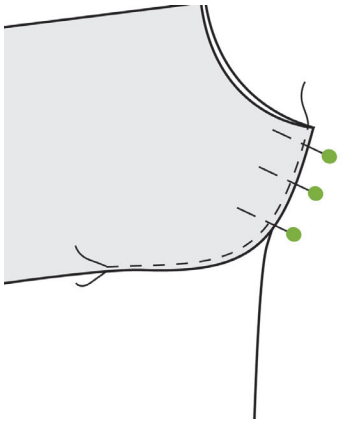

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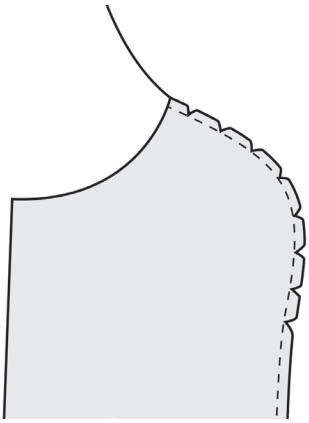

With right sides together, match the sides seams of the front and back piece on the right side seam (the wearer's right). Stitch, finish the seam allowance, and press towards the back **(7)**. Finish the other two sides seams separately to prepare for the invisible zipper.

Before placing the zipper on the tank, iron the interfacing on the fabric wrong side along the left side seam (the wearer's left). Place the zipper along the side seam of the wearers left front. The edge of the zipper tape will be along the side seam with the zipper facing down. The zipper stop should be ¼" from the upper edge.

Using a zipper foot, stitch the zipper as close to the teeth as possible. Continue sewing the length of the zipper until reaching the lower zipper stop. Backstitch to secure the zipper **(8)**.

To sew the other side of the zipper, place the zipper and back piece right sides together. Place the zipper outside edge along the side seam of the back piece. Line up the zipper stop ¼" from the top edge. Using a zipper foot, sew the zipper in place the same manner as the other side **(9)**.

Place the rest of the side seam (below the zipper) right sides together and pull the zipper tape out of the way. Start sewing as close to the lower zipper stop as possible. Sew all the way down the side seam **(10)**.

Fold the strap with right sides together widthwise. Stitch along the long edge and press the seam allowance open. Turn the fabric strap right side out and center the seam on the back of the strap **(11)**. Press well. Repeat to create the second strap.

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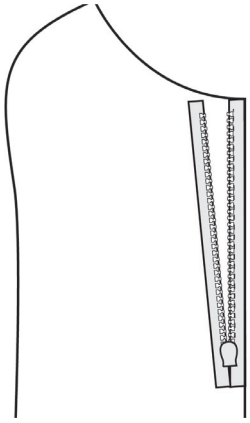

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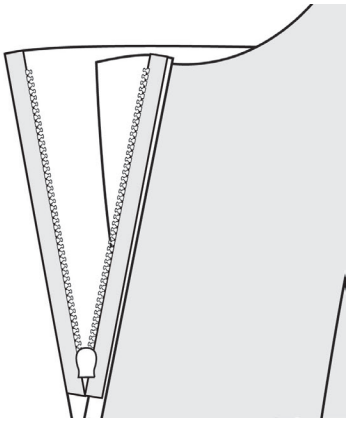

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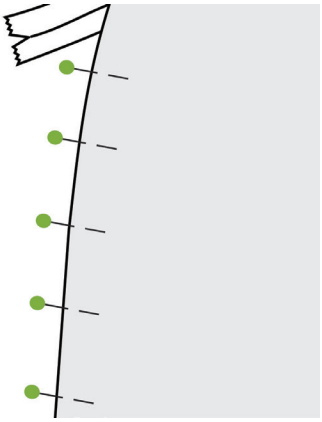

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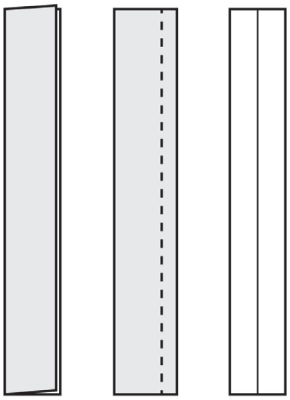

Place the strap right sides together with the front piece, lining up the outside of the strap with the notch. Baste in place ⅛" from the top edge **(12)**. Without twisting bring the strap down the front of the top and up the back, keeping the right sides facing. Line up the outside of the strap with the notch. Baste in place ⅛" from the top edge of the back piece **(13)**. Repeat with the second strap. Try on the top and adjust the strap length as needed.

Fold one short end of the bias strip towards the wrong side ¼" and press. Keeping the bias tape end folded, line up the end of the bias tape with edge of the zipper tape and the top of the back piece. Pin in place **(14)**. Keep pinning around the back, across the back straps and up the armscye. When you reach the upper front edge, let the bias tape extend past **(15)**.

Trim the zipper tape to the bias tape. Starting at the zipper, stitch the bias tape I place with a ¼" seam allowance, working around the back and up to the upper front edge. Backstitch at the upper front edge, trimming the bias tape even **(16)**.

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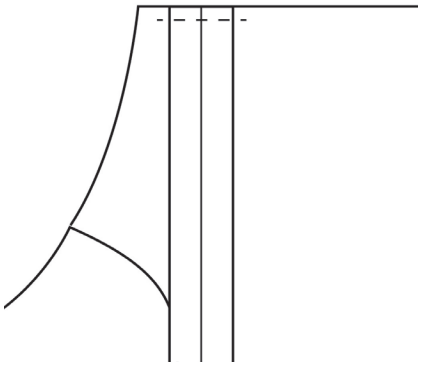

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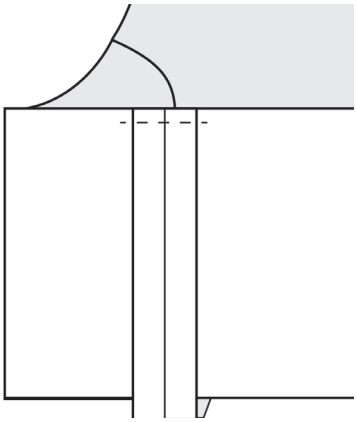

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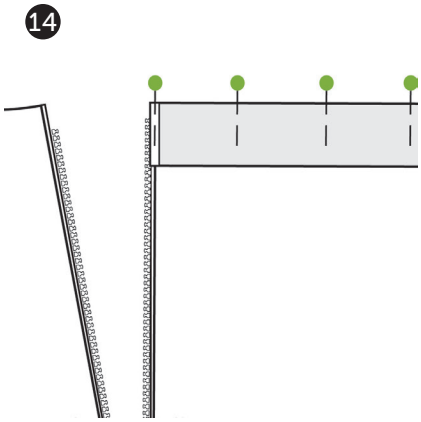

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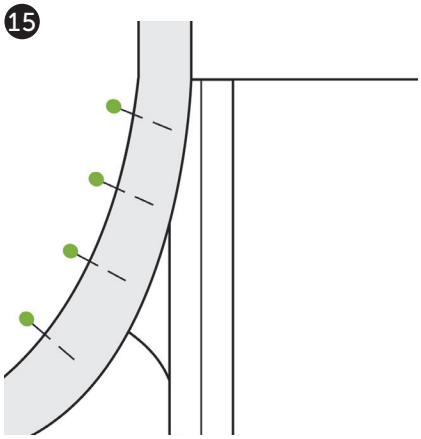

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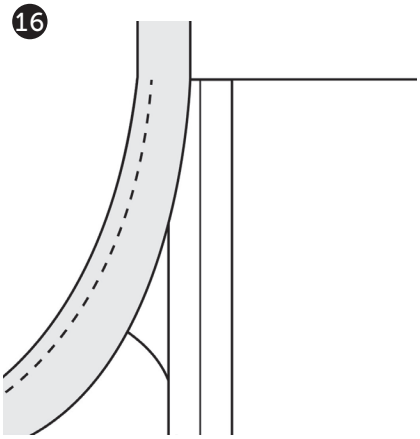

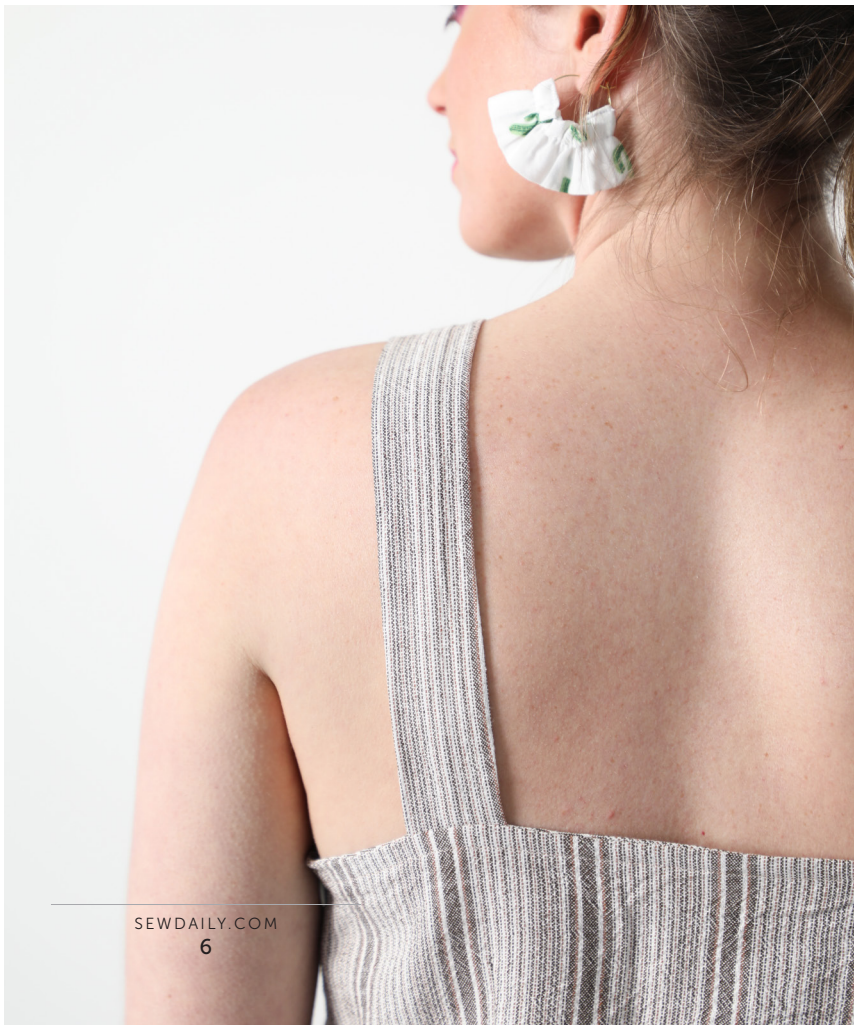

Clip the armscye curve and press the seam allowance towards the bias tape. Understitch the seam allowance to the bias tape ⅛" from the previous seam **(17)**.

Fold the raw edge of the binding towards the tank wrong side and line up with the understitching line. Press well **(18)**. Fold the bias tape completely towards the tank wrong side and press well. Pull the front strap up so that it doesn't get caught in the stitching. Stitch the binding down along the inside folded edge. At the upper front edge, stop sewing at the strap basting line **(19)**. Repeat to finish the rest of the tank upper edge and armscye.

The process to sew the bias tape to the upper front edge is the same except both short ends of the bias tape will be folded ¼" towards the wrong side prior to sewing onto the tank **(20)**.

To hem the tank, fold the bottom edge ¼" towards the wrong side and press well. Fold another ½" and press well. Stitch the hem down ⅛" from the inside folded edge **(21)**.

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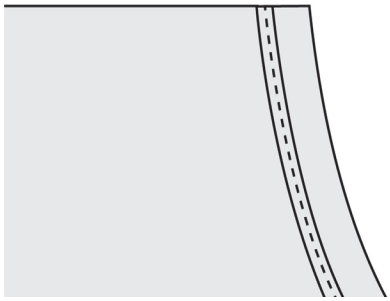

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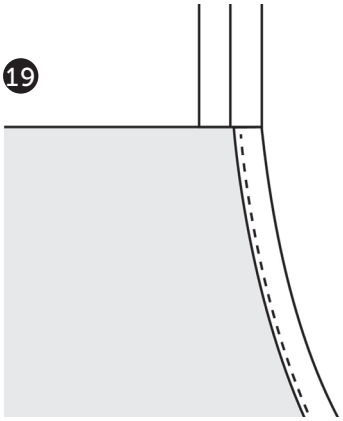

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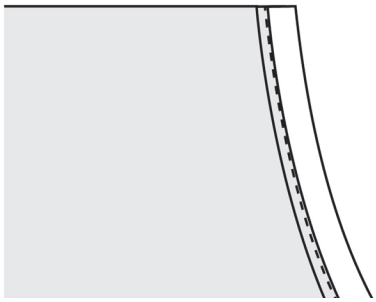

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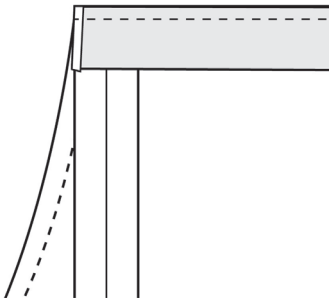

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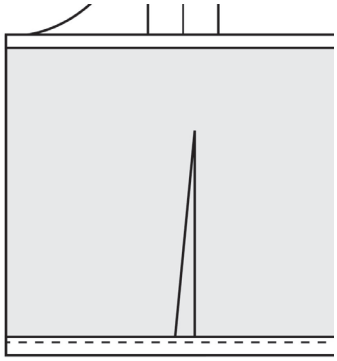

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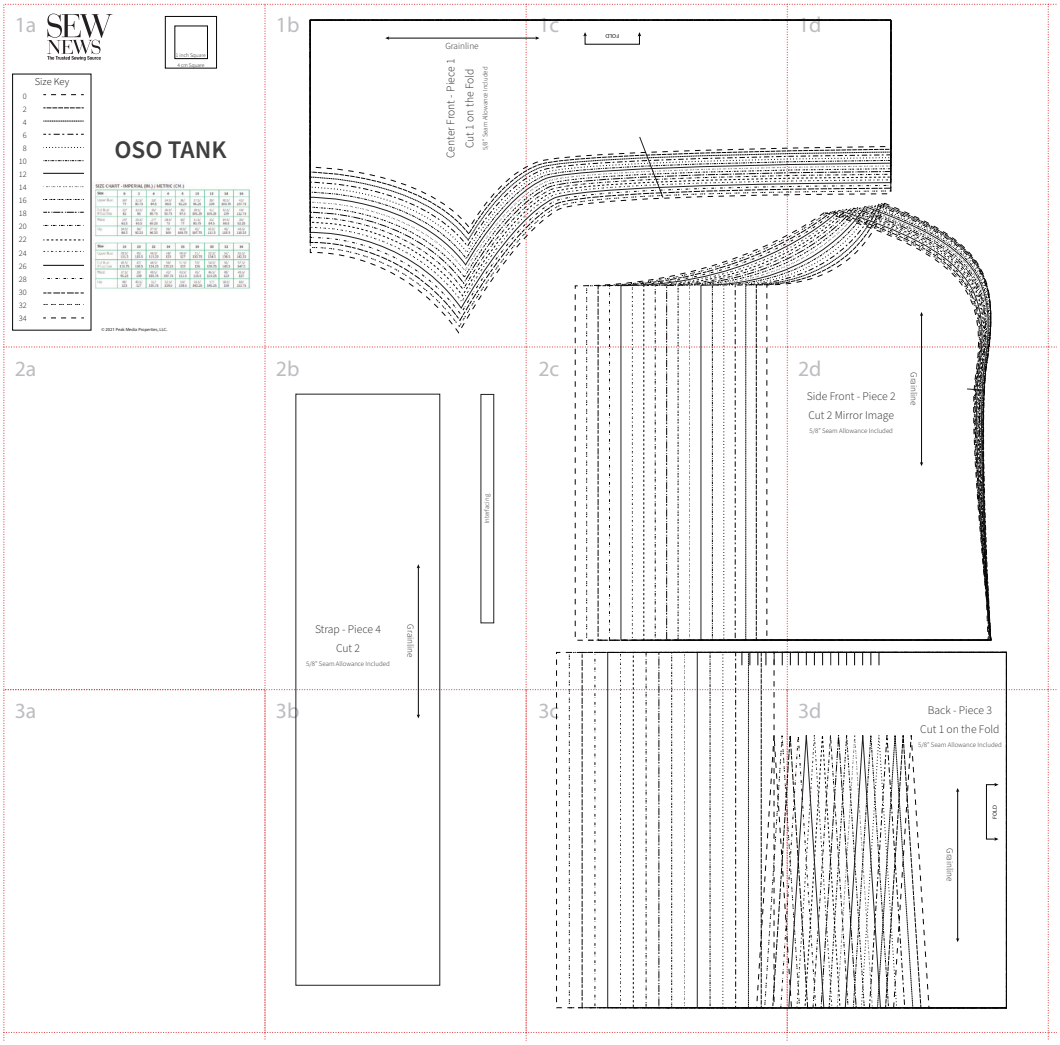

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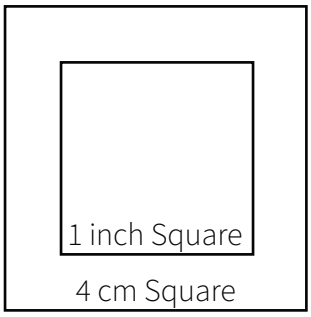

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SIZE CHART - IMPERIAL (IN.) / METRIC (CM.)

Size	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Upper Bust	30/ 77	31.5/ 80.75	33/ 84.5	34.5/ 88.5	36/ 92.25	37.5/ 96.25	39/ 100	40.5/ 103.75	42/ 107.75
Full Bust B Cup Size	32/ 82	33.5/ 86	35/ 89.75	36.5/ 93.75	38/ 97.5	39.5/ 101.25	41/ 105.25	42.5/ 109	44/ 112.75
Waist	24/ 61.5	25.5/ 65.5	27/ 69.25	28.5/ 73	30/ 77	31.5/ 80.75	33/ 84.5	34.5/ 88.5	36/ 92.25
Hip	34.5/ 88.5	36/ 92.25	37.5/ 96.25	39/ 100	40.5/ 103.75	42/ 107.75	43.5/ 111.5	45/ 115.5	46.5/ 119.25

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Full Bust B Cup Size	45.5/ 116.75	47/ 120.5	48.5/ 124.25	50/ 128.25	51.5/ 132	53/ 136	54.5/ 139.75	56/ 143.5	57.5/ 147.5
Waist	37.5/ 96.25	39/ 100	40.5/ 103.75	42/ 107.75	43.5/ 111.5	45/ 115.5	46.5/ 119.25	48/ 123	49.5/ 127
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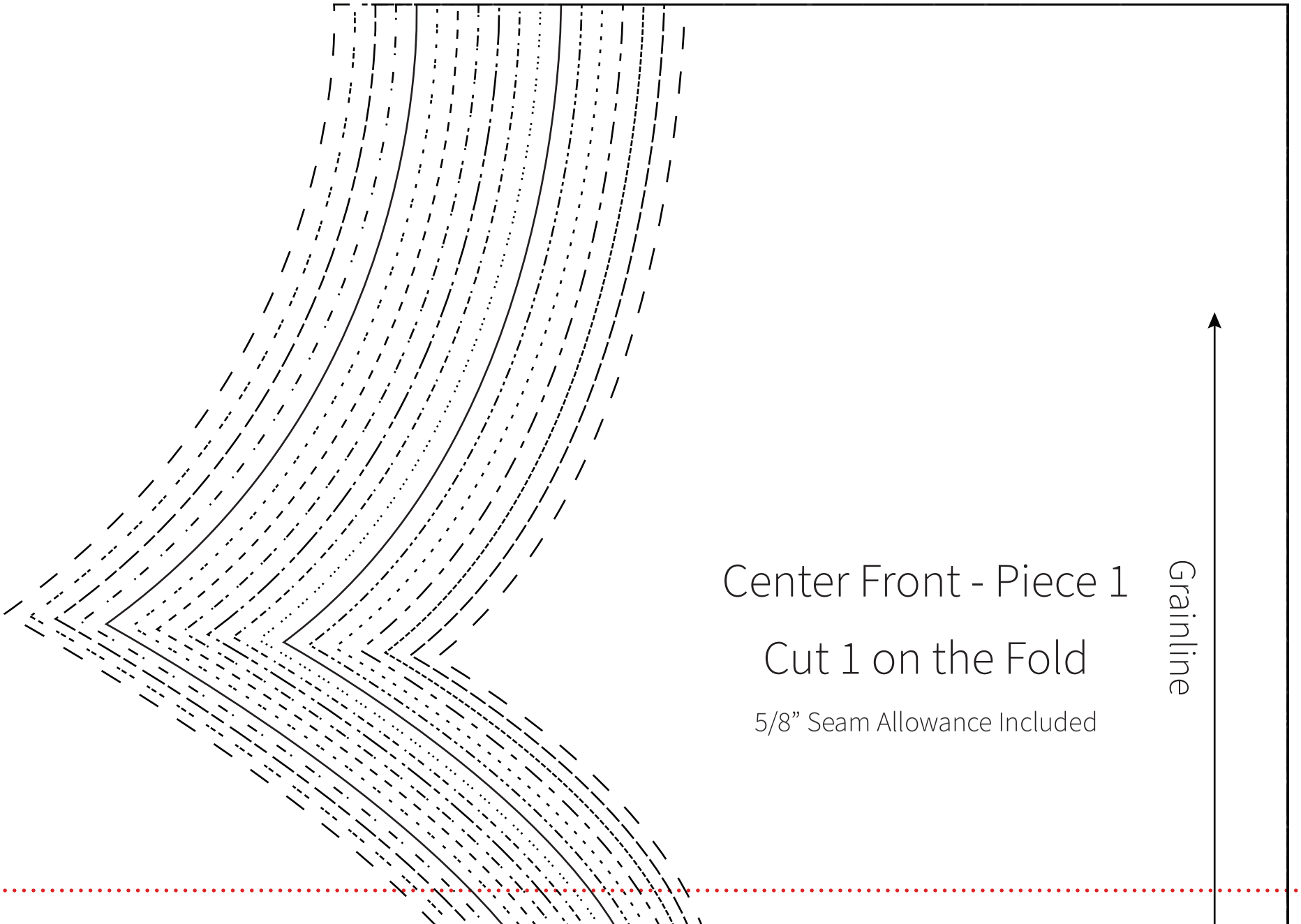

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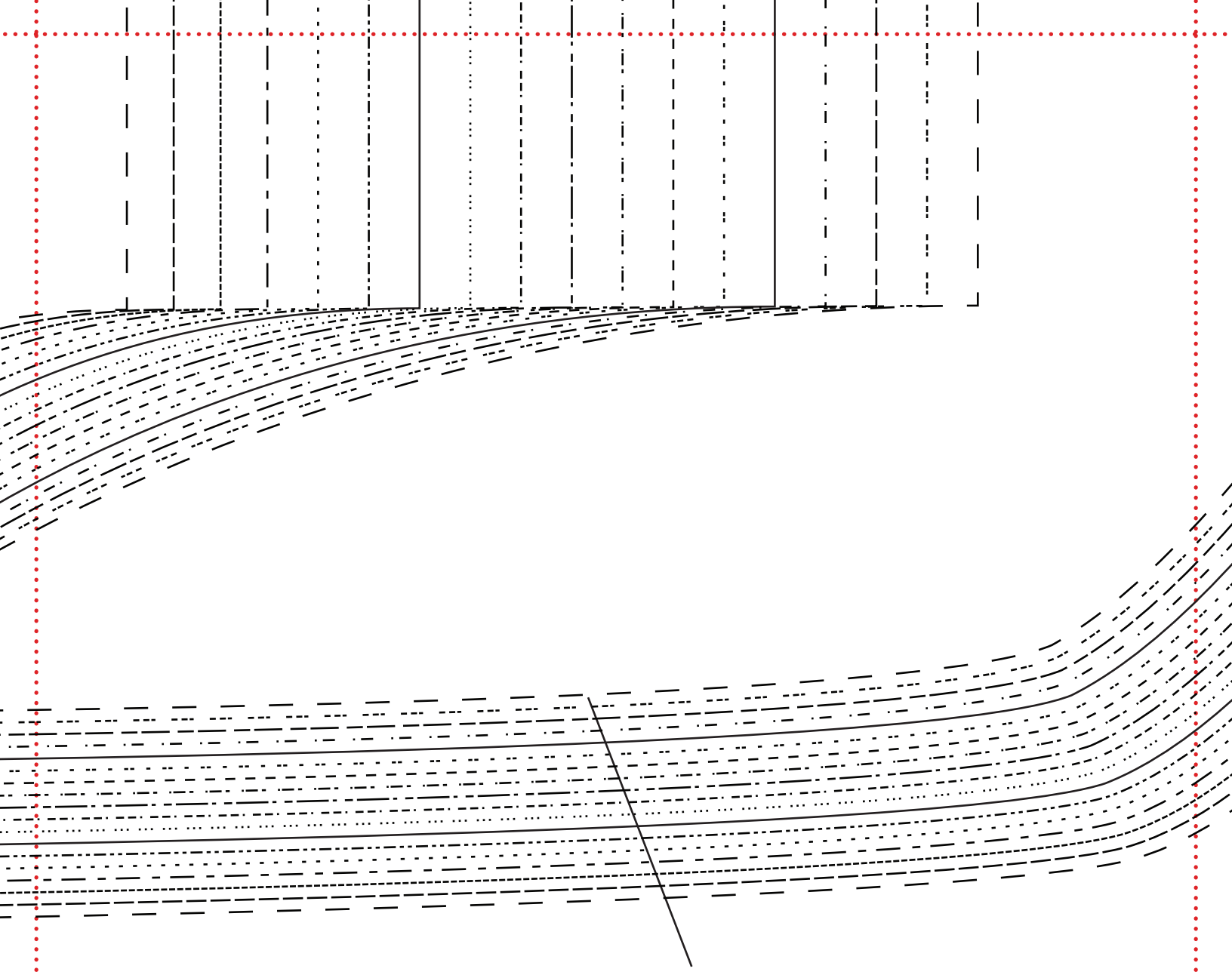

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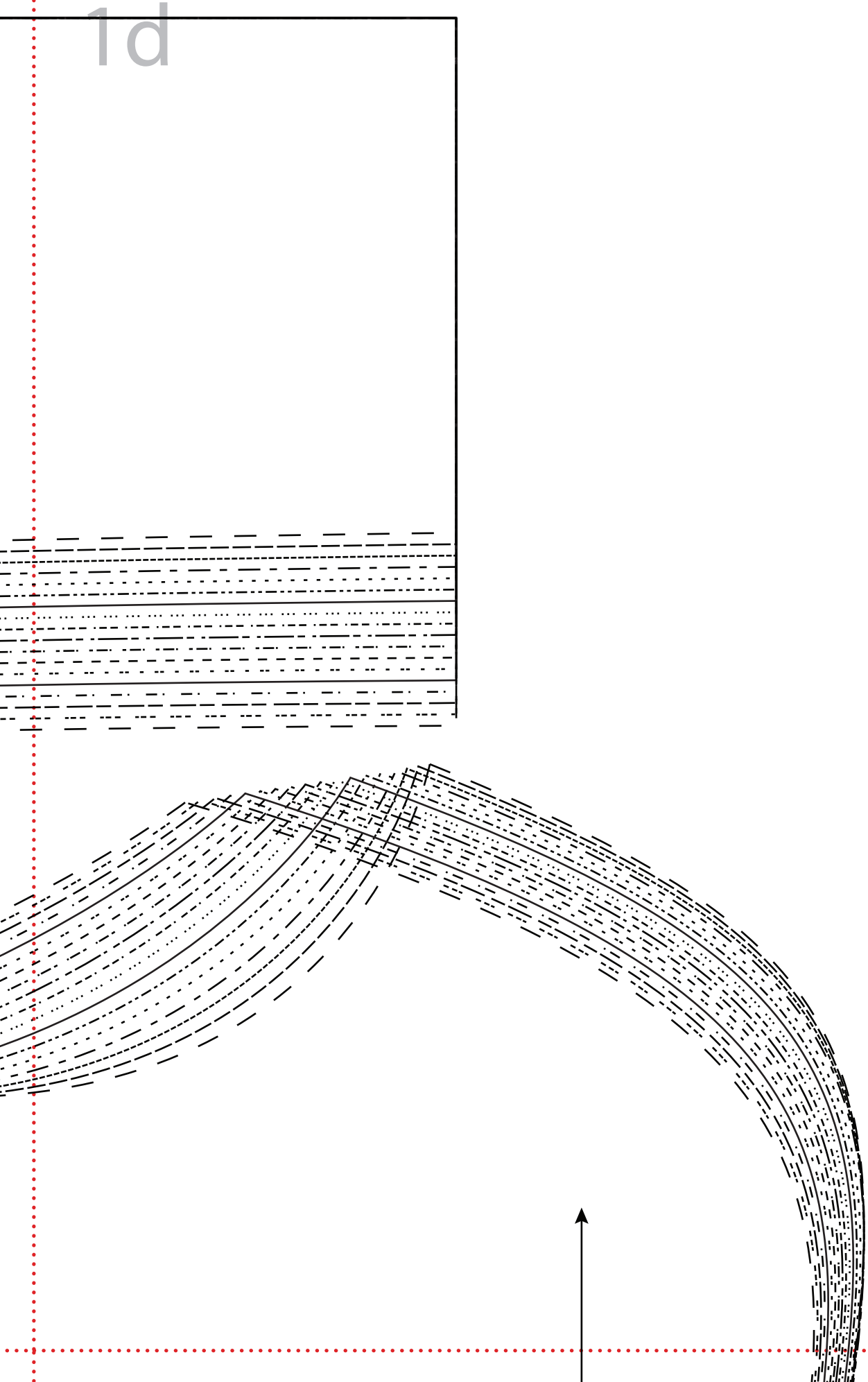

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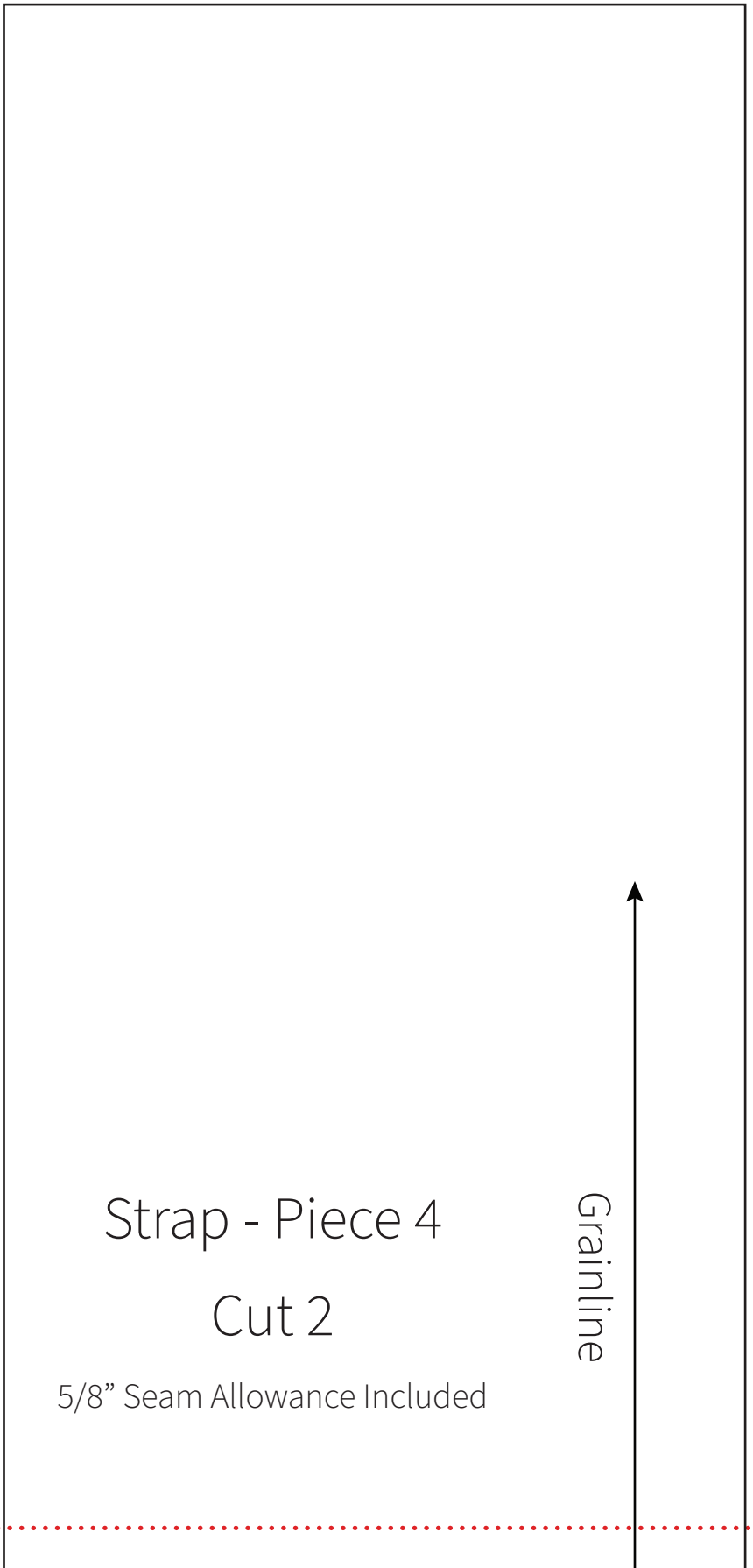

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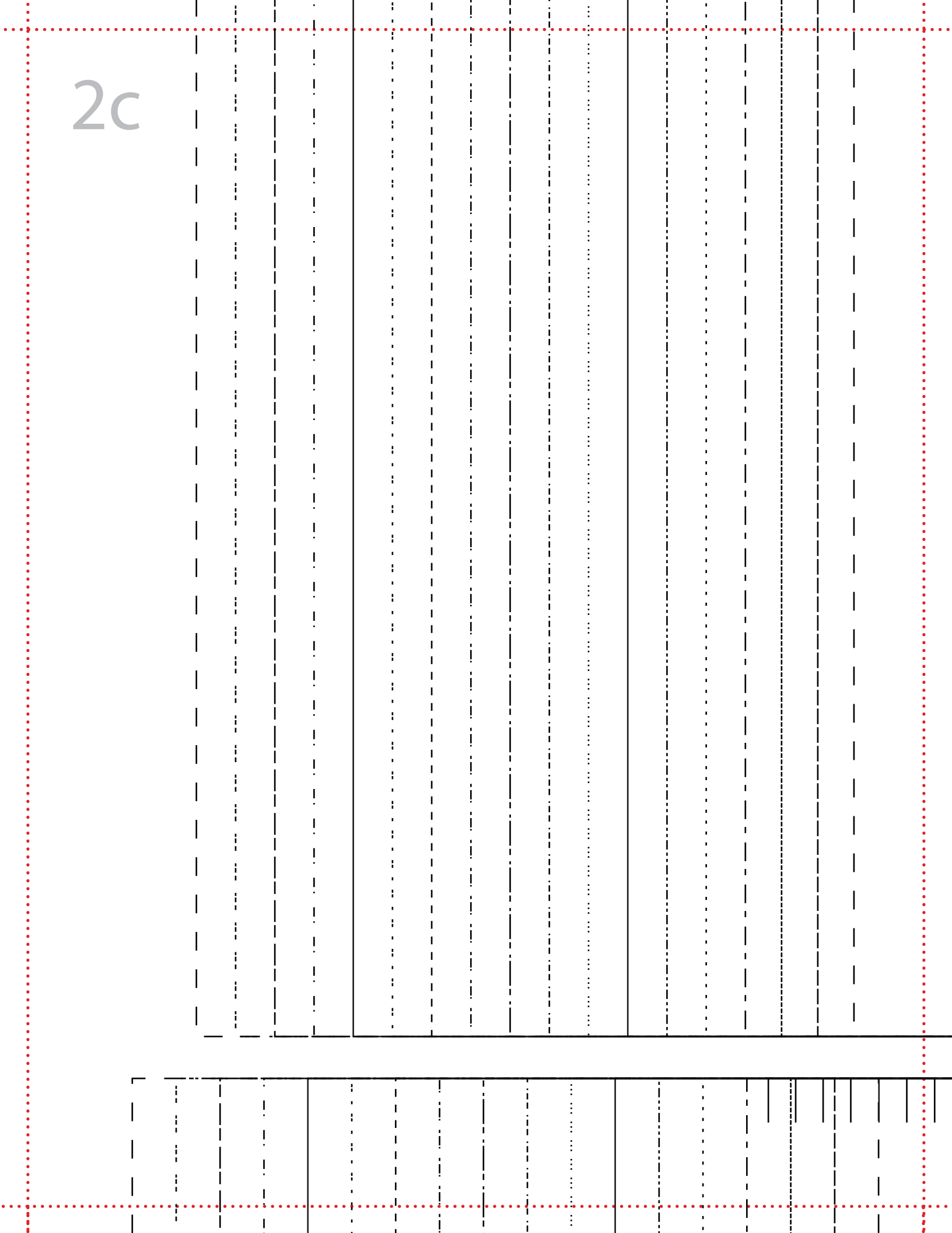

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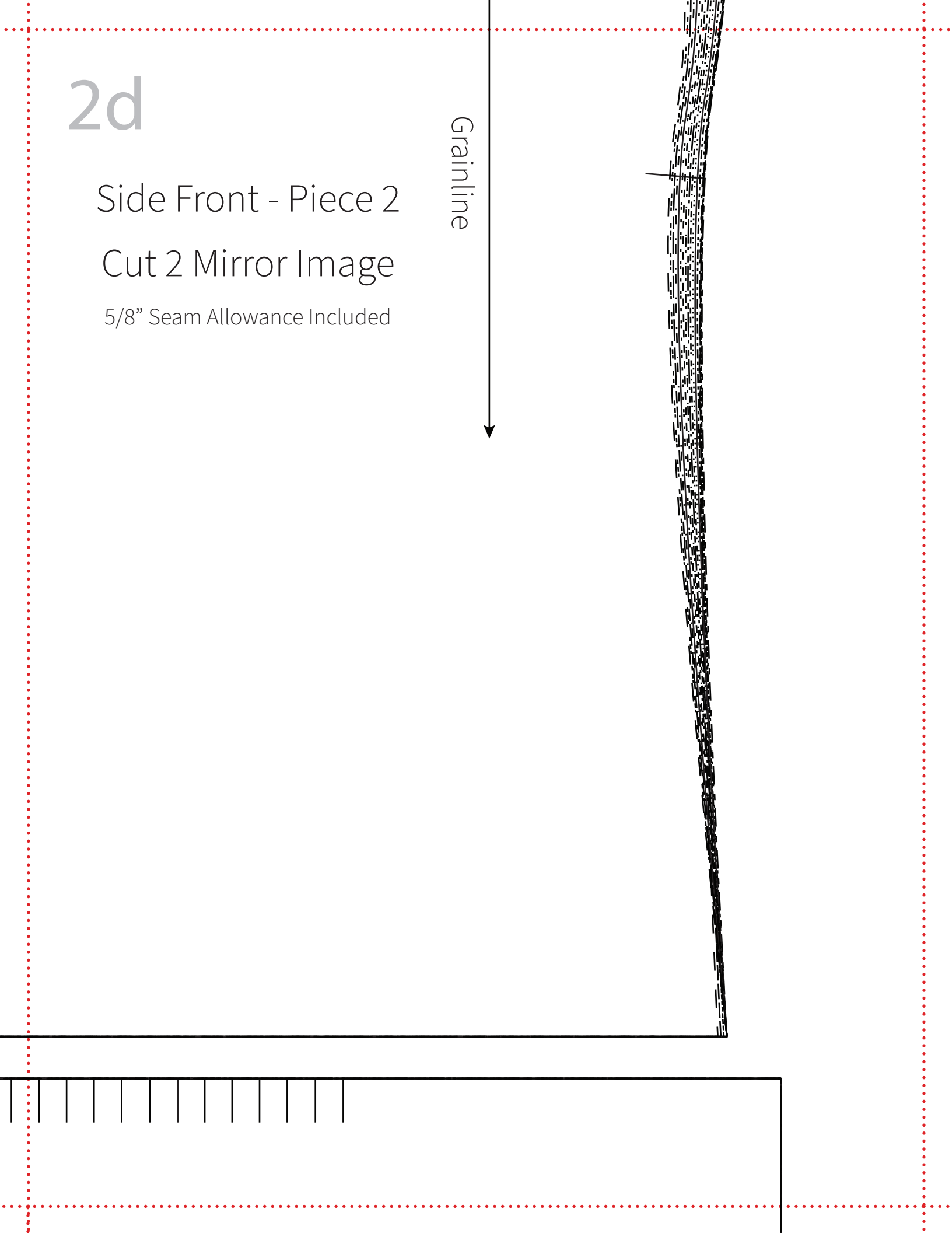

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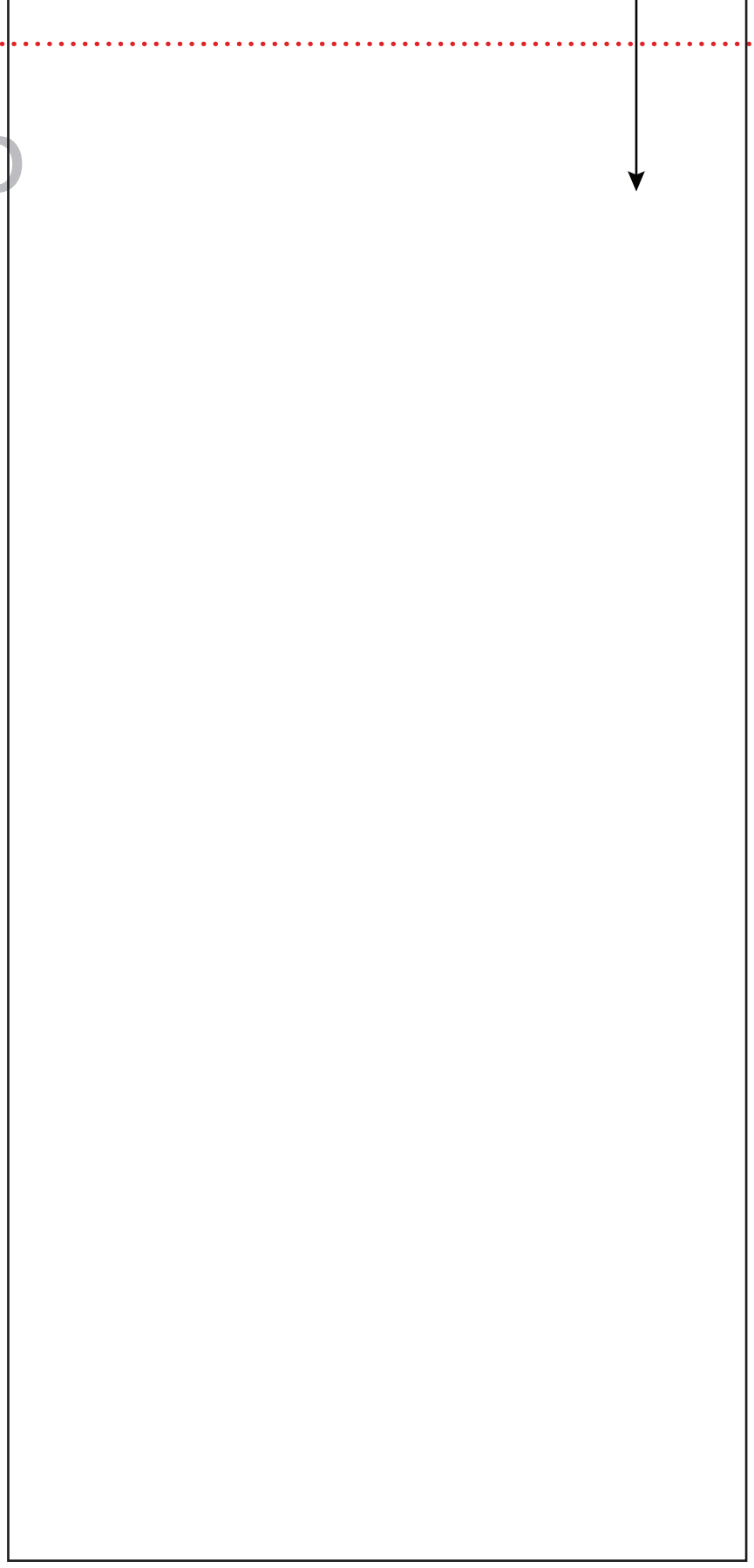

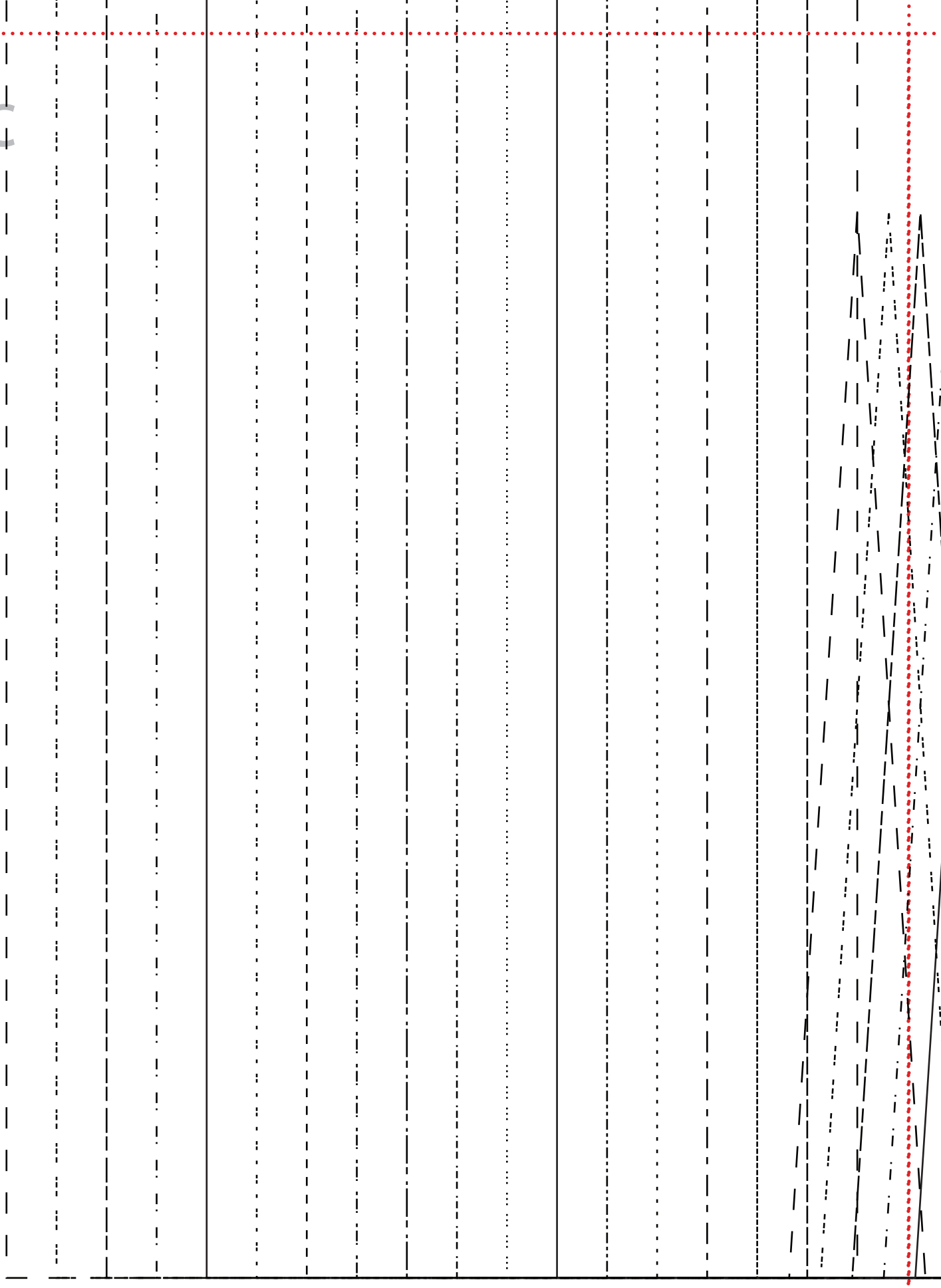

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